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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2934

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL OAS COMMITTEE MEETING

1. AT REQUEST FONMIN ARENALES I CALLED ON HIM AFTERNOON
JUNE 18. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED TO SEE ME BECAUSE HE WAS
CONCERNED THAT THERE WOULD BE INITIATIVES AT LIMA MEETING
BY ARGENTINES, CHILEANS, PERUVIANS, AND PERHAPS VENEZUELAN
TO INCLUDE CUBA, TO ATTEMPT TO LIFT OR MIDIFY THE OAS
SANCTIONS, AND PERHPAS EXCLUDE THE US FROM A REVAMPED OAS.
ARENALES SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO THESE AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES
HE HAD GIVEN THE FOLLOWING FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO EDUARDO
CASTILLO, GUATEMALA' S OAS PERMREP WHO WILL REPRESENT GOG
AT LIMA:

A. ARENALES SAID THAT INASMUCH AS THERE WERE SOLID
JURIDICAL GROUNDS ON WHICH TO OPPOSE ANY ACTION BY THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO CUBA, GOG WAS WILLING
TO TAKE LEAD PUBLICLY IN FIGHTING ANY ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE
CUBA (OR FOR THAT MATTER ANY OTHER " NON- MEMBER" COUNTRY)
IN THE MEETING OR TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS OR MAKE THEM
OPTIONAL. CASTILLO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STRONGLY
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AND PUBLICLY OPPOSE ANY SUCH PROPOSALS AND TO VOTE AGAINST THEM.

B. IF RECOMMENDATION IS MADE TO EXCLUDE US FROM REVAMPED OAS, GUATEMALA WILL FIRMLY OPPOSE AND WILL STATE THAT IF US SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM OAS GUATEMALA " WILL CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF WITHDRAWING FROM OAS". LINE OF REASONING TO BE USED TO SUPPORT GUATEMALAN POSITION IS THAT IF SOME OAS MEMBERS FEEL THEY SHOULD EXCLUDE US FROM THE CLUB BECAUSE ITS SIZE AND POWER DOMINATE THEM, GUATEMALA FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT IT RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE OAS WITH THE MAJOR SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, CONSEQUENTLY, IF US EXCLUDED, GUATEMALA WOULD PREFER OAS TO BRADK INTO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WOULD WORK HARD TO REVITALIZE ODECA.

C. SHOULD ATTEMPT BE MADE TO COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN OAS MEMBER TO INCLUDE UK AS OBSERVER AT MEETING, GUATEMALA WILL, OF COURSE, STRONGLY OPPOSE. SIMILARLY, IF ATTEMPT IS MADE TO INCLUDE BELIZE, GUATEMALA WILL FIGHT HARJM AGAINST MOVE, AND SHOULD MEASURE PASS, GUATEMALA WILL WALK OUT OF MEETING.

D. SHOULD ANY ATTEMPT BE MADE TO MODIFY ARTICLE 3 (D) OF OAS CHARTER WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING REFERENCE TO " EFFECTIVE EXERCISE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY", IN LINE WITH PLURALISM THESIS APPROVED AT LAST OASGA, GUATEMALA WILL OPPOSE SUCH ACTION.

E. GUATEMALA WILL ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY SUGGESTIONS TO MODIFY ARTICLE 8 OF CHARTER.

2. ARENALES SAID HE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH FONMINS OF NICARAGUA, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL ATTEMPT GET THEM TO SUPPORT GUATEMALA ON ABOVE POSITIONS.

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